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## CURRENT TOPICS.

NEW YORK city has 30,000 landlords, who collect \$40,000,000 rent.

NEBRASKA passed a law, recently, making slander a penal offense.

FRANKLIN's face will illuminate the new one cent stamped envelope.

ONE Lima (O.) barber advertises to shave six men in ten minutes.

A NEW YORK woman has sent cards to friends announcing her divorce.

DR. McCOSH, of Princeton College, is opposed to secret college societies.

UNDER the new law there are to be no more public hangings in Missouri.

THERE are ten thousand women in Cincinnati who earn their own living.

THERE are 400,000 unmarried men in Paris against 380,000 married men.

WALKER (the country) has positively refused to join in the Victoria jubilee.

No city in the United States has relatively so large a foreign population as Chicago.

The entire total of the Hebrew race on the surface of the globe is estimated at 6,000,000.

THOSE who formerly held free passes are now spoken of in railroad circles as ex-heads.

FIRST the President married, then Secretary Lamar, and now it is said to be Secretary Hayard.

HERB KNEPP is going to start a first-class daily newspaper at Kesen for the use of his 20,000 workmen.

A DISEASE embracing many symptoms of pneumonia and pleurisy has become prevalent in New Jersey.

SEVENTEEN thousand dollars is what it cost the city of New York to send three hooded aldermen to Sing Sing.

FOUR new postoffices have just been established with the euphonious names of Piggis, Dump, Fulse and Malaria.

GENERAL SCIENCE is living quietly in Washington with his daughters, who are intelligent and entertaining ladies.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN offers the Springfield homestead to the State of Illinois on condition that it be preserved with care.

THE New Jersey Senate has passed a bill providing for the free transportation of legislators on all railroads in the State.

GEORGE M. FULLMAN, the millionaire sleeping-car knight, commenced his business career in Chicago, as a house-raiser.

THE Congress of Churches and Christians recently in session at Chicago, condemned free-masonry and all other secret societies.

DR. HENRY D. COWSWELL, the San Francisco millionaire, has given \$1,000,000 to found a trade school for boys and girls in that city.

FIVE hundred dollars was paid for a letter in Philadelphia the other day to prevent it from being read in a "fashionable" divorce case.

THE toilets of 120 ladies who formed the cortege at a recent carnival ball in Vienna were valued at \$25,000, and the diamonds at \$1,500,000.

NO Dakota Indian will wear an eagle feather unless entitled to it, as they believe it will fly away from their heads if worn unlawfully.

FIFTEEN cows huddled in a Northern Pacific railroad cut to keep from freezing to death, and a freight train came through and killed all of them.

M. LACOMBE, an ingenious Frenchman, has succeeded in taking long-distance photographs by fixing a telescope in front of the objective of the camera.

PEACE between Germany and the Vatican seems to be assured. Pope Leo has expressed his satisfaction with the attitude of Prince Bismarck.

THE New York Herald is urging that the Territory of Alaska be made a penal colony to which all the States of the Union can send their contributions.

A WORK by Melancthon, 10½ by 14½, illustrating a horse soldier on outpost duty, is the costliest water color in the world, being valued at over \$5,000.

MRS. FRIDERIKE ECKHART, of East Thirty-second street, New York, imagines herself the wife of the Creator, and will not be convinced to the contrary.

THERE is a rich man in the Black Hills, says the Bismarck Times, who dates the beginning of his fortune from the day when he sold his wife for \$4,000.

THE will of a married woman just probated in Kingston, N. Y., is peculiar in that it gives all her property to her husband for life, or as long as he "remains unmarried."

ENOUR crimes are being laid at the door of Mr. Kissane alias Titus alias Rogers to give rise to the suspicion that he is being made a scapegoat for the sins of all the other California "dopers."

A MAN near Greeley, Col., had thirty acres of land which he could neither sell nor mortgage, and in despair he went out and struck a coal vein thirteen feet thick and sold the coal for \$55,000.

THE Washington Capital says "the statement that the four Inter-State Commerce Commissioners who came to Washington last week traveled on free passes is libelous, and we hope, untrue."

THE crank who exploded a bomb in the Grand Opera-house at San Francisco has explained that he wanted to end his life while Patti was singing, so that he could be her page in the spirit land.

SHORTLY after her marriage the Sultan of Turkey generously offered Mrs. Cleveland the decoration of the Order of the Caliphate, but she declined it, and the incident has just been made public.

NEW YORK proposes to spend \$5,000,000 in the improvement of its streets, \$1,000,000 to be spent each year until the work of furnishing the city with entirely new paving of the best material is finished.

ONE of the most eccentric rich men in New York city is the venerable Benjamin Richardson. He is said to be worth \$2,000,000 or more, but lives in a small tumble-down house in Harlem. He holds a mortgage for \$50,000 against one of the most prominent insurance companies in the city. Mr. Richardson owns the historic Washington coach, which he lets out whenever there is a demand for this revolutionary relic.

## HADDOCK TRIAL.

### Continuance of Testimony in Arensdorf's Behalf.

#### A Reputable Witness Testifies that the Shot Was Fired by Leavitt.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., April 6.—In the Haddock case to-day James Junk, Jos. S. Borsch and others, all saloon-keepers, testified, and pronounced the reputations of Leavitt and Bismarck as very bad. J. C. Hart, a boarder at Paul Leader's house, testified that he was one of the crowd that went from Junk's saloon to the scene of the murder. Arensdorf, he said, was not the man who fired the shot, and he was positive. Arensdorf was not in the crowd that went to the scene of the murder. Paul Leader, one of the indicted parties, testified that the man who did the shooting wore a rubber coat and light pants, and he believed Leavitt was the murderer. Leader told his story in a straightforward manner, and was not in the least confused by cross examination. Mr. Leader's business standing in the community is better than that of any witness who has thus far been upon the stand, and his evidence created a profound impression. The defense promises more and equally as good testimony.

## FLOWERS AT FUNERALS.

### The Archbishop of Toronto Condemns Their Extravagant Use.

TORONTO, Ont., April 6.—Archbishop Lynch has issued a pastoral letter to the clergy of the archdiocese, warning Catholics against extravagance at funerals in the shape of magnificent coffins and heaps of flowers shaped into ludicrous and unseemly designs. It says: "The church permits a crown of flowers—as the sign of heavenly joy—upon the heads of children only who have not attained the age of reason. A simple pall is all she allows on the coffin of the funeral of those who have reached the age of reason. You are hereby enjoined to see that these rules of the church be for the future religiously and strictly carried out." The letter also speaks of the enormity of turning the great day of grief and mourning, the anniversary of the death of Christ, into a day of pleasure and amusement.

## Queer Shovers in Hoc.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 6.—Three young men named J. M. and A. M. Peckies and W. M. Horn, were arrested in Franklin County yesterday charged with counterfeiting. That entire section of country has for months been flooded with finely molded silver dollars, and the special detectives at work on the case were baffled in their attempt to capture the counterfeiters until yesterday. Horn is reported as being an old criminal, and \$250 in spurious coin was found in his room.

## Albert Sydney Johnston's Statue.

NEW ORLEANS, April 6.—To-day the long cherished desire of Louisiana Division of the Army of the Tennessee, to erect a testimonial of their esteem and reverence for their first and greatest commander was realized, and the old veterans' eyes were gratified by the crowning of the magnificent tomb of the association at Metairie Cemetery by Alexander Doyle's splendid equestrian statue of Albert Sydney Johnston. Jefferson Davis delivered a eulogistic address.

## Shaken up by Mother Earth.

CONTOOCOOK, N. H., April 6.—A distinct earthquake tremor terrified the inhabitants of this place to-day. Vibrations came from the east and loud detonations were heard like claps of thunder. Cracking of the frozen ground and breaking of ice in the ponds added to the noise. The shocks lasted about a minute. Houses were jarred and dishes rattled off the shelves in the closets, while many people were rolled from their beds.

## Inter-State Law Shuts Iron Mills.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 6.—The Chesapeake rail works, employing about two hundred men, and the Lochiel and the Paxton furnaces have ceased operations until the railroad and transportation companies reach some conclusion regarding freight rates. The mill owners say they can not continue business under the inter-State act as interpreted now. Several hundred men are thrown out of employment.

## The Election in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, April 6.—Thirty-two cities of Wisconsin elected mayors, as follows: Thirteen Republicans, eleven Democrats, three Labor, four Citizens and one Independent. This city gave a majority for the Labor candidates, but the towns polled a fusion vote that overtopped the Labor vote in the city and elected the Fusion judicial candidates.

## Rhode Island Democratic.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Rhode Island Democrats elected the Governor and the rest of the State ticket, with the probable exception of the Attorney General. The plurality of the Governor (Davis) is about fifteen hundred.

## By Electricity Instead of Hanging.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 6.—A bill was passed by the Senate to-day providing that the punishment for murder in the first degree may be death by the use of electricity.

## Ill-Treated Orphans.

RUSHVILLE, IND., April 6.—The investigation of the charges brought against the matron of the Orphans' Home by the late grand jury of the county, is now in progress before the county commissioners. Very damaging testimony is being brought out. The cook of the Home testified that the children had meat once a week, and for breakfast had water, bread and molasses, and sometimes butter. For dinner boiled cabbage or potatoes, one slice of bread and water, and one-sixth of a pie each for supper. The trial will last several days, as some two hundred witnesses will be called.

## A BOILER BURSTS.

### Resulting in the Killing of Four Men and Dangerously Wounding Several Others.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 7.—A terrible accident occurred yesterday afternoon on Indian Run, about seven miles from Harrisonville, Ritchie County, in which four men were killed and three others badly if not fatally wounded. About one o'clock the boiler of William Morris' saw-mill exploded, blowing the entire structure, which was a good-sized mill, into kindling wood, and fatally scalding and injuring J. Scott, F. Lindsey and G. N. Williamson. Williamson was blown thirty feet, and covered with debris and wreck of the mill; Scott, besides being horribly scalded, was also badly cut and bruised by heavy pieces of timber which struck him on the back and on the shoulder; Lindsey, the third man killed, was scalded about the face and body in a fearful manner. Another man is reported killed, but could not learn his name. Three others, whose names are reported as Flynn, Holiday and Moore, were badly hurt by flying splinters and timbers, two of them being scalded severely. Pieces of the boiler were thrown two hundred yards, while the building was completely demolished and the pieces scattered in every direction. It is believed the boiler was short of water, and that when the engineer returned he turned on cold water, causing the explosion.

## FIRST GUN OF THE SEASON.

### A Canadian Cruiser Fires on an American Vessel.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 7.—News has reached here that the fishery cruiser Vigilant, when sailing out of Heaver Harbor, a few days ago, sighted an American fishing vessel within the three-mile limit, and evidently fired at it. The Vigilant gave chase and gained on the "Yankee," who refused to heave to even when a blank shot was fired. The chase was continued, but the American vessel soon gained the line and was safe. This is the first gun fired this season by a Canadian cruiser.

## The First on Record.

WESTCHESTER, Pa., April 7.—A valuable brood mare belonging to the stock farm of Norman Barnard, near Avondale, broke her leg recently, and Dr. Ewing, of West Grove, set the broken limb and left it in good condition. In the animal's plunges afterward the leg was again broken, and Dr. Hildekooper, of the University of Pennsylvania, having been sent for, advised amputation. This was done and the animal is said to be doing well. This is the first case on record of such an operation in America.

## A Political Battle.

CHICAGO, April 7.—An *Inter-Ocean* special from Litchfield, Ill., says: A political riot occurred here last night over the city election of Tuesday. Two factions, one for Concedine and the other for Thorpe, for alderman of the First Ward, became involved and a fight ensued, which lasted nearly two hours. The police force was helpless, and could do nothing with the mob. Many men were badly beaten and bruised. It is feared more trouble will result to-night, as it is believed the two factions are gathering for a conflict.

## Kissane Charges Blackmail.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Kissane, who is sick abed at Sonoma, was interviewed by a reporter yesterday, but declined to say much. He distinctly charged that General Darr's motive in exposing him was blackmail, and added: "In fact Darr demanded of me a specified sum as his price for continued silence."

NEW YORK, April 7.—J. B. Hart, William Kissane's lawyer, intimates that after he gets things settled up here he is going back to California to make things lively for his client's enemies.

## Gold Tinted Snow.

AUGUSTA, Wis., April 7.—About an inch of snow fell here Tuesday night, the surface of which is covered with a thick layer of what seems to be dust or ash. This whole section, so far as heard from, is covered with the same yellowish snow. It is a strange phenomenon.

## Prohibition Victory.

JACKSON, Miss., April 7.—The Prohibitionists carried the election in Rankin County yesterday. This shuts out the whisky men of Jackson, who intended, if Rankin went against Prohibition, to establish themselves in that county, in the vicinity of Jackson.

## Non-Polygamous Mormons.

CLEVELAND, April 7.—The reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, of the Latter Day Saints, or Non-Polygamous Mormons, are holding a Conference at the old Mormon Temple, which was erected in Kirkland, Ohio, fifty years ago, by Joseph Smith and his followers.

## Rough on Theatrical People.

CHICAGO, April 7.—At a largely attended meeting of theatrical managers it was resolved to ask the Inter-State Commerce Commission to suspend for this season the provisions of the law, which, as interpreted by the railroads, being an especial hardship upon theatrical people.

## Cincinnati's Official Vote.

CINCINNATI, April 7.—The official canvass of the city election vote has been completed. The footings, unofficial, give Mayor Smith a plurality of 681.

## House and Two Children Burned.

SHELBY, Mo., April 7.—The residence of Calvin Douglas, burned to-day and his two small children perished. They had been left alone in the house.

## Lost on Third Reading.

HARRISBURG, April 7.—The bill introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature to authorize the carrying out of death sentences by electricity was lost on third reading.

## License Defeated.

TRENTON, N. J., April 7.—In the Assembly last night the License bill was defeated.

## ON THE ALERT.

### The Dominion Government is Evidently Determined

#### To Make the Summer a Very Warm One for Yankee Fishermen.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 8.—The action of the Dominion cruiser Vigilant in giving chase off Beaver Harbor Wednesday to an American fisherman in search of bait is considered here to be convincing proof that the Canadian Government does not intend to relax any of the provisions of the treaty of 1818, but it will enforce all its sections with as great stringency as last season. It was generally believed among Canadian fishermen that this section of the treaty relating to the sale of bait would not be enforced this year, but since Friday last their minds have been disabused of this idea. A Canadian fisherman says that there has been a good deal of bait purchased from the Bay of Fundy fleet during the winter. The bank fishermen go to Eastport and remain there, while the quoddy-boats, with licenses to touch and trade, proceed to the Canadian fleet and prepare the bait. The fishermen who sell the bait know for what purpose it is to be used, but as they are to sell they ask no questions. The fishing schooner which the Vigilant chased, was a vessel of about ninety tons and hailed from Eastport. Her name is not yet known. She had come out of Black Harbor about the same time that the cutter emerged from Beaver Harbor. She was heading toward the fleet and was lowering her sails when the captain of the fisherman observed the cruiser bearing down upon him. The Vigilant was then about six miles distant, but as the wind was free from the southeast she was rapidly nearing her quarry. Without waiting to purchase bait or even inquire the price of it, the fisherman set all sail and struck out for Eastport. The cruiser kept up the chase past Head Harbor and well up Quoddy river before she abandoned it. The Vigilant, which was receiving supplies here, stood for her cruising ground last night. Captain McLean says she is determined to make prisoners of American fishermen who violate treaty obligations, so that the fishermen have only themselves to blame if they should be captured. It is reported that the General Middleton, which was taken out of commission, is again to be pressed into the service as a fishery cruiser.

## Don't Blow Out the Gas.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Alvin Hill and G. W. Archibald, on going to bed at the Shaw Hotel last night, looked the door and blew out the gas. About noon to-day the landlady, wondering at their non-appearance, pried open the door with a pair of scissors and found the room full of gas. Hill was across the bed and Archibald stretched on the floor, the former dead and the latter unconscious. Physicians were called, and Archibald was partially restored and taken to the County Hospital. Hill was about twenty years old, and the son of the President of the Adams County National Bank at Decatur, Ind. Archibald was a man about fifty years of age, and a dry goods merchant of Pleasant Hill, in the same State.

## Designs for Coins.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Director of the Mint, under the provisions of Section 5010, R. S., and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, has issued a circular inviting designs for the obverse and reverse for the silver dollar and the minor coins of the United States. An award of not to exceed \$500 will be made for each accepted set of designs. The circular is addressed to well-known artists, and invites them to study the coins belonging to the cabinet of the mint at Philadelphia, which contains several pattern pieces, the designs of which are believed to be superior to those of several of the current coins.

## A Frightful Death.

DECATUR, Ind., April 8.—A thirteen-year-old son of John Johnson, of this city, while trying to put a belt on the pulley of a grindstone in his father's planing-mill yesterday, was caught by the driving-belt of the mill and carried to the line shafting and whirled round and round until every bone in his body was broken. One of his arms was torn from his body at the shoulder. His death was almost instantaneous.

## Another Gas Blower.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 8.—Geo. Schwalbach, dealer in groceries and dry goods, in Allentown, Wis., came to Milwaukee yesterday to buy goods. He took a room at Dix's Hotel yesterday evening, and failing to appear this morning his room was broken into and he was found asphyxiated in bed. The room was full of gas. He blew out the light before going to bed. His recovery is very doubtful.

## Ben's Silver Spoon.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—General Butler, in an examination in a suit against him in the court of claims, gave a deposition, explaining how he came by the Twigg's sword and silverware captured at New Orleans, and what disposition he made of them. He says when he last heard of them, they were in the Treasury Department.

## English Colonizing California.

LONDON, April 8.—There is a strong emigration movement being organized here to establish English colonies in the neighborhood of Los Angeles, and to induce settlers to go to Lower California. Several English churches are canvassing the idea of buying tracts of lands upon which to build churches and to sell in small lots to Christian workmen. If the coercion bill passes there will be an increased emigration from Ireland. There is great distress throughout England among the working class, and the emigration agents here have no trouble in getting up shiploads of skilled workmen to emigrate.

## ROUTING REED BIRDS.

### A Plan to Stop Their Depredations in the Carolina Rice Fields.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The rice planters in South Carolina have been troubled greatly for many seasons by the depredations of the rice bird, commonly known as the reed bird to some localities, and called bobolinks further north. They have had to employ a large force of men and boys to shoot the little pests, and this expense became so great that they finally appealed to the Agricultural Bureau for help or a suggestion for some way of protecting their crops. One planter wrote that he had expended \$4,000 a year for gunners, and the purchase of powder and shot. The Agricultural Bureau sent a representative of the ornithological department to investigate the subject, and he has made a report, in which he suggests a novel plan for protecting the rice fields. He discovered that the appearance of a hawk was sufficient to scare the rice birds off, and he tried the experiment of putting stuffed hawks, with wings extended, on high poles, and on various other devices which kept them in motion. The birds paid no attention to the imitation hawks, but made themselves scarce when a real one soared over them. The plan recommended by the Bureau agent is to secure a number of young hawks, and train them to the business of killing or frightening the rice birds. A German who has had experience in training falcons has been found, who claims he can train any number of hawks that may be needed, and he will be directed to go to work at once, so as to have his hunters ready for the 21st of August next, which is the date on which the rice birds nearly always make their appearance.

## WHOLESALE ROBBERIES.

### Seventy-Five Men Implicated in Stealing From Railroad Cars—Arrests Being Made—\$300,000 Taken.

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—There have been numerous robberies on the (Pan-Handle) Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis railroad for several months. It is alleged the robberies have been committed by employees, conductors, brakemen and others, about seventy-five in number. This morning a large number of employees were brought to this city. At midnight all of the Pittsburgh police force were started out to make arrests. A number of arrests have been made. Every one is very close-mouthed, and not much can be learned. Colonel Norman L. Smith, who has the case in charge for the railroad company, says the value of the goods stolen is over \$300,000 and that several hundred men are implicated. The majority of these were ordered to the city last night, and then the order to arrest them was given. The other suspects were being arrested by special officers wherever they happened to be. The operations of the robbers, it is said, covered three States, and in all of these arrests were being made this morning. It is said the robberies have been going on for years.

## The Rahway Mystery.

RAHWAY, N. J., April 10.—The body of the murdered girl, found near here March 26, and her clothing were exhibited to-day. About two thousand persons visited the morgue. The girl's face was surrounded with cut-flowers. The appearance of the face has been greatly improved. A number of persons claimed that they recognized the body, but upon investigation it was found that their statements did not agree with the facts known by the authorities. District Attorney Wilson has officially notified Undertaker Ryno that the body must not be buried until he gives an order to that effect. The funeral will be held to-morrow, and the body will be placed in a receiving vault.

## Attempt on the Czar's Life.

LONDON, April 11.—The *Morning Post's* Vienna correspondent telegraphs that a report is current at the Austrian Capital that on Wednesday last another unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate the Czar, and that all the conspirators except two, a man and a woman, both of whom had bombs concealed about them, escaped arrest. Vienna and Berlin telegrams confirm the foregoing, and state that the culprit stood upon the steps of an uninhabited house, No. 14, and carried bombs under a plaid shawl. It is supposed that the man was an accomplice of the other two and did not know that the latter had been arrested.

## A Terrible Family Fight.

PITTSBURGH, April 10.—A *Commercial Gazette* Meadville, Pa., special says: During a family quarrel last night, Mrs. John Buchholz seized a lighted lamp and hurled it at her husband's head. The burning missile exploded and in an instant both husband and wife were enveloped in flames. Buchholz dragged his wife from the burning building, but she was so badly injured that death relieved her sufferings at an early hour this morning. Buchholz was also terribly burned, and is now dying.

## Identified as a Noted Outlaw.

UTICA, N. Y., April 9.—Chad Roark, the express robber in custody here, answers perfectly to the printed description of Michael Rourke, who escaped from the Jefferson City, Mo., prison in 1881, while serving a ten years' sentence for robbery. Rourke was the chief of a dangerous band that operated along the line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and other Western railroads.

## Lighted Up by a Meteor.

MARION, O., April 10.—An enormous meteor passed over Marion at twenty minutes past eight o'clock this evening from west to east, illuminating the streets with a bright blue light sufficient to make print readable. It was apparently the size of a desert plate, and was visible fully a minute.

## A Bride Suicides.

RICHMOND, IND., April 10.—Mrs. Jonas O. Bennett, who was married Thursday last, jumped into White river this morning and was drowned.

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

### —The late industrial development in the South is something wonderful.—Farmers' Review.

—There are 3,000 men employed in drift-mining in California, and the product is \$5,000,000 a year.

—A Chub lock exhibited showed that a variation of only the two-hundredth part of an inch in one of the steps of the key was sufficient to render the lock useless.—*Boston Budget*

—In certain Austrian coal mines work is suspended in dangerous places during a fall of the barometer, experiments still in progress having shown that the quantity and intensity of explosive gases greatly increase as the degree of atmospheric pressure diminishes.

—A scientific novelty is a lens which magnifies, yet is perfectly flat on both sides. It is made at Jena by the manufacturers of Prof. Abbe's new optical glass. The lens consists of a single disc whose density varies so that its refractive power decreases regularly from the surface inward.

—Among the reported discoveries for the prevention of rabies is that of Dr. Fernandez, of Barcelona, who claims that a dog that has been bitten by a viper never has rabies, and can not become rabid when inoculated. He has inoculated dogs with viper's poison, and he holds that under no circumstances will they ever become rabid.

—New Orleans is sharing largely in the manufacturing boom which is now spreading over the South. In one number of a Southern paper a boot and shoe factory, a wire-works factory, a factory for the extraction of turpentine from pine-knots, three tobacco factories, and a glycerine and stearine factory are mentioned as having been either started or projected in New Orleans, besides a company for a line of steamers to run to Columbus, Ga.

—A writer in a Canadian paper, speaking of the possibilities of pulp as a substitute for lumber in the manufacture of furniture and other articles, now exclusively made of wood, calls attention to the resources afforded by Northern Canada for the best pulp-making woods. It is found that in some localities the forests are now at the best age for pulping purposes, and capable of yielding from forty to 120 cords per acre, if the whole of the timber were utilized. By mixing the pulp with clays, steatite, asbestos, plumbago, mica, etc., substances of every possible color and compactness may be produced.

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—The only thing that can get over the ground at a livelier rate of speed than an electrical current is slander.—*Whitehall Times*.

—We can speak of a small boy without being guilty of tautology, but it sounds odd to hear the expression "a female girl."—*Norristown Herald*.

—Some men seem to be fond of hugging delusions, and it may be that they got in the habit because girls are such delusive creatures.—*Journal of Education*.

—The Way of It.—John and Ida married lived in Idaho, forlorn. 'Cause John hung round the tavern And let Idaho be corn.

—A Sad Case.—Husband—"You knew Miss Smith, did you not?" Wife—"Yes." Husband—"Well, she has lost her good name." Wife—"Heavens, John! You don't tell me!" Husband—"Yes; she has married a Smythe."

—Belmont, Ga., boasts of a woman "who goes out and chops wood with her husband." We suppose the husband must be hatchet-faced, and has at some time been a drummer.—*New Haven News*.

—Johnson—"How are you, old man." Thompson—"I'm sick." "Indeed. Well, if it wasn't for that you'd feel just as good as any one. Why, you haven't so much to complain of, after all."—*Pittsburgh Dispatch*.

—As regards art and that sort of thing, Miss Breezy," he remarked to a Chicago young lady, "St. Louis and Chicago rank about equal, do they not?" "O, my, no!" she replied promptly; "when it comes to the artistic, Chicago cuts the much wider swath."—*Puck*.

—A little boy's composition on cats winds up with this reference to their advantage over dogs: "Cats can climb trees. Dogs can't. That is lucky for cats. When a dog gets after them they can climb a tree, where they can sass back without getting hurt."

—Give an example of an immovable obstacle," said the teacher. And the smart bad boy at the foot of the class suggested three girls on the sidewalk. The teacher, who usually had to walk in the middle of the street herself, sent him right up to the head of the class and told him to stay there for a week.—*Burdette*.

—An explanation.—Mrs. De Boggs—"Have you heard how Mrs. De Peyster—that was Sallie Van Cott—has received the degree of A. M. from Wellesley?" Mrs. Wayback—"No; I haven't heard. What does A. M. mean?" Mrs. De Boggs—"Why, it stands for *alma mater*, of course. Didn't you know she had two children?"—*Life*.